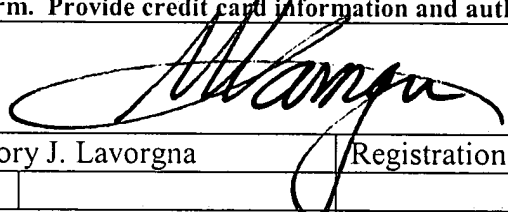


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 176469	
		In re application of: David B. Smith	
		Application No. 08/976,440	Filed 11/25/1997
		For: Transmission of Data in Boreholes	
		Group Art Unit: 3663	Examiner: N. Moskowitz
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.			
The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):			
	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$	
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$	
X	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$950.00	
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	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$	
X	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$475.00		
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	The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.		
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	assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).		
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Date		February 9, 2004	
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